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1. THE KUWAITI AND SAUDI AMBASSADORS TO BEIRUT TOLD
LOCAL PRESS IN SEPARATE STATEMENTS ON MAY 16 THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO ARAB AID TO LEBANON UNTIL THE POLITICAL
SITUATION STABILIZED.

2. AFTER A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS, KUWAIT
AMBASSADOR BUAYJAN SAID: "KUWAIT'S POSITION IS CLEAR.
AID WILL NOT COME AS LONG AS CONDITIONS IN LEBANON ARE
UNSTABLE AND AS LONG AS THE SECURITY SITUATION IS NOT
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CLEAR."

3. AFTER A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER AL HOSS, SAUDI
AMBASSADOR ALI SHAER REMARKED: "DON'T YOU THINK THAT
SECURITY CONDITIONS MUST BE THE BASIS OF ANY ARAB AID TO
LEBANON? SECURITY IS WHAT IS NEEDED AND THAT IS WHAT WE
ARE SEEKING IN COOPERATION WITH ALL ARAB COUNTRIES,

ESPECIALLY SYRIA."

4. COMMENTS:

A. THESE REMARKS ARE IN LINE WITH THOSE THE PRIME MINISTER MADE TO THE AMBASSADOR ON MAY 6 (SEE REF). AT THAT TIME, AL HOSS SAID THAT ARAB FUNDS WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO PROVIDE AID FOR SOME SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT ARAB OIL STATES WERE SHOWING "A LOT OF HESITATION" IN GIVING HELP TO PRIVATE SECTOR AND WERE UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE COORDINATED AID EFFORT NEEDED UNTIL LEBANESE POLITICAL SITUATION STABILIZED.

B. CAMILLE CHAMOUN FOR ONE IS INTERPRETING THE ARAB DELAYS AS A FORM OF POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE MARONITES TO TAKE A SOFT LINE ON APPLICATION OF THE CAIRO ACCORDS ON THE STATUS OF PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON (SEE BEIRUT 2342) AND TO GET ON WITH A POLITICAL DIALOG. HIS RESPONSE, AS REPORTED BY L'ORIENT-LE JOUR ON MAY 16, IS TO URGE THE LEBANESE TO GO IT ALONE; "IT IS THE DUTY OF THE LEBANESE, SINCE NONE OF THEM REGARD THE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE AS A MATTER OF BEGGING, TO UNDERTAKE ALONE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY, EVEN IF THAT MUST TAKE MUCH TIME AND ENTAIL HEAVY SACRIFICES."
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